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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 497
By McCord

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Alcoa City
Commissioner Ralph Herman Kidd.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ralph Herman Kidd, who served with distinction as an Alcoa City Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, A life-time citizen of Alcoa, Ralph Kidd was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his duties as a City Commissioner, he also astutely served as a member of the Alcoa City Schools Foundation Board of Directors and as a founding member of the Alcoa High School Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, An ideal public servant, City Commissioner Kidd was a highly respected official of Alcoa city government; Commissioner Harry Brooks, has described Ralph Kidd as "honest, trustworthy, and aggressive"; Commissioner Clint Abbot has said, "He was thorough in everything he did. He always did his homework, whatever the issue"; and

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WHEREAS, Alcoa Mayor Don Mull, has said, “Ralph was always cordial. He listened to the concerns of citizens, then did research and worked with the city’s staff to help resolve problems”; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Mr. Kidd was an active member of the Alcoa First Baptist Church, where he served faithfully as a Sunday School Director and as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ralph Kidd was not only an outstanding leader in his community and church, he was also deeply committed to his family, for they were the center of his life; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, he was most blessed by the love and companionship of his sweetheart and wife, Nelda French Kidd, their four children, and nine grandchildren; the Kidd's children and their spouses and children are: Deborah and Kent Vesser, and their children, Erin and Lauren Vesser; Drs. Susan and William Villaume, and their children Nathan and Megan Villaume; Karen and Curtis Middleton, and their children Katie, Hannah, and Becca Middleton; and Drs. Robert and Leslie Kidd, and their children Eli and Mandy Kidd; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kidd was the epitome of the concerned neighbor and responsible citizen; a wonderful human being, he was loved and admired by all who were privileged to know him, and he will be sorely missed; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Herman Kidd leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity as an elected official, compassion and loyalty in his private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this commendable public servant, devoted father, and exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Alcoa City Commissioner Ralph Herman Kidd, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to his family and community, and the courage and honor with which he served the citizens of Alcoa, and celebrate the beauty and joy that was his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Ralph Kidd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.